

CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE

Hosted by Congressman Chris Van Hollen MD-08



You are invited to participate in the 2016 Congressional App Challenge!

Established by the US House of Representatives in 2013, this 15-week competition allows students to create and submit their own app for the opportunity to receive nationwide attention. Students may participate as individuals or in teams of up to four. Winners of the Congressional App Challenge (CAC) will have their apps featured on a display in the Capitol Building, and will be honored by their Member of Congress.

Submission Dates

July 18, 2016 - November 2, 2016

For more information visit:

www.CongressionalAppChallenge.us

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Rules

Contest Guidelines Student Eligibility

1. Students are only eligible to compete in districts that have signed up for the Challenge.
2. Any student may only compete in *one* district.
3. Any student may only submit *one* application.
4. Students may compete in either:
 - a) The district in which they reside, or
 - b) The district in which they attend school
5. Students may compete as individuals or in teams of up to four
 - a) Teams with five or more students will NOT be eligible
 - b) If competing as a team: at least two of the teammates must be eligible to compete within the district in which they are submitting their app.
6. There is no hard age minimum, but the CAC is intended for high school students. Students may not participate after having graduated high school.
7. The Competition is subject to all applicable United States federal laws and regulations. Participation constitutes entrants' full and unconditional agreement to these Official Rules.

When Can Students Enter the Challenge?

The registration and “Submission Period” starts at 12:00 PM (noon) Eastern Time (“ET”), JULY 18, 2016 and will be closed at 12:00 PM (noon) ET, NOVEMBER 2, 2016.

How do Students Enter their App?

Visit the Congressional App Challenge website - CongressionalAppChallenge.us - to register and get more details on how to submit your entry. (If competing as a team, *all members* of the team must submit their information on the registration form to participate.)

Participation Requirements

A complete submission will include the following components:

1. Registration Form (found on www.CongressionalAppChallenge.us)
2. App Information
 - The title of your app
 - The coding language used
 - An explanation of what the student(s) was trying to accomplish and why
 - An explanation of a technical or coding difficulty the student(s) faced and how it was overcome
 - An explanation of what improvements the student(s) would make if they were going to make a new version
3. Demonstration Video
 - Students must create a 1-3 minute video, showcasing what your app does and how it works.
 - The video must be uploaded onto a public site like youtube or vimeo, and set to public so the judges can watch them.
4. Exit Questionnaire
 - An exit questionnaire will be e-mailed to all students after the submission period closes. Students must complete the exit questionnaire.

Note: Students may submit apps they created prior to the Competition, as long as their apps meet the standards of eligibility, and were created within one year of the submission deadline (e.g. any time after Nov. 2, 2015).